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E.O. 11652 GDS
TAGS: PFOR JO EG XF
SUBJECT: TALK WITH PRIME MINISTER EGYPTIAN RELATIONS

1. IN A FEW MINUTES AT THE TAIL END OF A CONVERSATION
FEBRUARY 15 I ASKED RIFAI IF ANYTHING NEW HAD HAPPENED ON
THEIR RELATIONS WITH EGYPT. HE SAID THE GOJ AMBASSADOR
HAD BROUGHT BACK TO AMMAN ANOTHER LETTER FROM CAIRO. JORDAN
WAS GOING TO REPLY BUT HE HAD THE IMPRESSION
THINGS WERE EASING OFF.

2. HE THEN SAID JORDAN IS NOT VERY PLEASED WITH FAHMI'S
TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THEIR ELECTIONS PROBLEMS TO SOUND OFF
AGAINST JORDAN. HE RAILED A BIT AGAINST SADAT, WHO HE SAID
HAD URGED HIS BROTHER HUSSEIN LAST YEAR NOT TO UNDERTAKE
ELECTIONS. BUT FOR THE MOMENT AT LEAST HE SAID THE
JORDANAINS OFFICIALLY WOULD REMAIN QUIET.

3. BECAUSE HE WAS HOLDING UP A PENDING CABINET MEETING
TO TALK WITH ME, HE SUGGESTED I SEE HIM IN A FEW DAYS
AND HE WOULD GIVE ME HIS COMPLETE ASSESSMENT OF THE
EGYPTIAN SIUTIATION IN THE AREA. I TOLD HIM I WOULD
LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING IT.
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